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GENEVA FOR PHELAN

1. FOLLOWING JURICH'S APRIL 1 VISIT, SITUATION WITH
REGARD TO USG/GOH BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND ARTICLE 3
ACTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

DUE TO OTHER COMMITMENTS, US NEGOTIATORS WILL BE UNABLE
TO MEET WITH GOH BEFORE LATE MAY, AT THE EARLIEST. IN
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THE INTERIM, THE SIXTY DAY PERIOD FOR CONSULTATIONS UNDER

ARTICLE 3 OF THE MFA WILL EXPIRE ON APRIL 28, 1975, AND RESTRAINTS WILL GO INTO EFFECT THEREAFTER.

2. IN THAT REGARD, EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING NOTE TO GOH ON APRIL 28:

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES DONE AT GENEVA ON DECEMBER 20, 1973 AND TO THIS EMBASSY'S LETTER OF FEBRUARY 27, 1975 WHICH INFORMED THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI THAT IN REGARD TO IMPORTS

FROM HAITI IN FOUR CITED TEXTILE CATEGORIES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS INVOKING ITS RIGHTS UNDER ARTICLE 3 OF THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE ARRANGEMENT.

PURSUANT TO THE EMBASSY'S FEBRUARY 27 LETTER, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3 OF THE ARRANGEMENT, THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL, AS OF APRIL 29, 1975, DECLINE TO ACCEPT IMPORTS FROM HAITI IF TEXTILE PRODUCTS IN THE CATEGORIES AND ABOVE THE LEVELS FOR SUCH CATEGORIES SET FORTH IN ANNEX A, APPENDED TO THIS NOTE.

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE 3 OF THE ARRANGEMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI HELD CONSULTATIONS IN PORT AU PRINCE ON APRIL 1, 1975. SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI WISH TO CONSULT FURTHER ON THIS MATTER, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SUGGESTS SUCH CONSULTATIONS BE HELD BEGINNING ON MAY 26 IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE.

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CATEGORY	LEVEL OF RESTRAINT
214	294,432 DOZENS PAIRS
219	239,420 DOZENS
228	139,532 DOZENS
229	86,937 DOZENS

3. FYI WITH CURRENT RATE OF IMPORTS FROM HAITI, IT IS

CERTAIN THAT ARTICLE 3 RESTRAINT LEVELS WILL NOT BE REACHED BEFORE PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS IN LATE MAY. END FYI.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME MENTION WAS MADE OF POSSIBILITY OF SECRETARY MURAT COMING TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS. IN THIS REGARD, EMBASSY SHOULD SAY THAT WE WOULD WELCOME HIS COMING HERE, BUT WE WOULD HOPE THAT IF HE SHOULD COME, HE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. IN ANY CASE, WE WOULD BE UNABLE TO MEET WITH HIM BEFORE LATE MAY.

5. FYI MIKE SMITH TALKED TO VICTOR (REFTEL) IN GENEVA, AND VICTOR STATED THAT THE GOH WOULD SOON BE SENDING A LETTER WITHIN NEXT WEEK TO AMB. ISHAM OUTLINING THEIR PROPOSED SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. SMITH WAS UNABLE TO PIN VICTOR DOWN ON DETAILS OF PROPOSAL, BUT VICTOR INTIMATED THAT IT WOULD BE ALONG THE LINES OF PRESENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, BUT THAT GOH WOULD REQUEST SLIGHTLY HIGHER LEVELS, AND SOME ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY. VICTOR ALSO SAID GOH WOULD LIKE TO COME TO WASHINGTON IN LATE MAY, SO WE MAY EXPECT FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO LAST PARA OF ABOVE NOTE. END FYI. KISSINGER

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